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**ASIA-PACIFIC DISEASE OUTBREAK  
/SURVEILLANCE REPORT**

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**CHINA**

**China Reports Possible Human Avian Influenza Case**

China has placed 116 people in quarantine after reports of new avian influenza outbreaks in poultry in northeastern Liaoning province. Health authorities are working to sanitize homes, water wells and streets near the location of the recent outbreak. The WHO is currently investigating the death of a 12-year-old girl and the infections of two others in the area of the last outbreak. If tests are positive, this will be China's first death from avian influenza.

**Source:**

· *Miami Herald*, Nov 06, 2005, <http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/living/health/13098996.htm>

· *Science Daily*, Nov 06, 2005, <http://www.sciencedaily.com/upi/?feed=TopNews&article=UPI-1-20051106-19494700-bc-china-birdflu.xml>

· *Aljazeera.net*, Nov 06, 2005, <http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/7E4F202C-F31C-4107-8280-6BEABBD34CF0.htm>

· *Telegraph.co.uk*, Nov 07, 2005,

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2005/11/07/wflu07.xml&sSheet=/portal/2005/11/07/ixportal.html>

· *ProMED-mail*, Nov 10, 2005,

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· *Mercury News*, Nov 10, 2005, <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/world/13131293.htm>

**HONG KONG**

**Hong Kong Reports Another Case of Streptococcus Suis**

The 13th case of *Streptococcus suis* has been reported in Hong Kong. Health authorities report that the infected man most likely contracted the disease when cooking infected raw pork at home. The source of infection is currently being investigated. The man experienced back pain and weakness of his lower limbs on 4 October [2005] and was admitted to the hospital. He is currently in stable condition. Two people have died from the disease this year [2005].

**Source:**

· *Reuters AlertNet*, Nov 08, 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/HKG71305.htm>

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## INDIA

### Dengue Fever Spreading in New Delhi

Dengue fever is spreading in New Delhi with 120 new cases reported in the past seven days, bringing the total number of affected people to 789. Of the 789 affected, 552 cases were from Delhi and the remaining 237 patients from the neighboring states. So far eight people have died from the disease, four of these were from Delhi. Currently, 3,000 health workers are checking and disinfecting places where mosquitoes can breed in residential areas, government and private offices. Insecticide is also being used to control the breeding.

**Source:**

· NewKerala.com, Nov 09, 2005, <http://www.newkerala.com/news.php?action=fullnews&id=50231>  
· The Times of India Online, Nov 08, 2005, <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/msid-1287737,prtpage-1.cms>

### Undiagnosed Illness Kills 11 People in Karnal, India

As many as 11 children died of an undiagnosed fever in the Karnal district (124 km from New Delhi) in the past three weeks. Out of the 11, ten were girls and all were below the age of 10 years. In the latest incident, a five-year-old girl from the village Katlaheri, 20 km from Karnal, died after being admitted to the Karnal Civil Hospital. The blood samples of the deceased had been taken to Delhi to determine the cause of death.

**Source:**

· PTI News, Nov 10, 2005, [http://www.ptinews.com/pti/ptisite.nsf/\\$All/6C816AAA1C7983DC652570B500411C3C?OpenDocument](http://www.ptinews.com/pti/ptisite.nsf/$All/6C816AAA1C7983DC652570B500411C3C?OpenDocument)  
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### Four People Die From Food Poisoning In India

Four people died and 25 people became ill from food poisoning in Ahmedabad City, India (located in Western India), after eating rice and dal at a wedding. The infected people were taken to a hospital after experiencing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The food was cooked outside and may have been infected with insects.

**Source:**

· Ahmedabad Newsline, Nov 05, 2005, <http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=155722>

### India Continues to Battle Japanese Encephalitis

The encephalitis toll has reached over 1,300 in Uttar Pradesh, India. Children continue to be the main victims of the disease. Over 250 people remain hospitalized in state hospitals. The disease has been spreading to previously unaffected areas of the state. Doctors still expect the number of cases to decrease as winter sets in. The health ministry is planning a vaccination drive later this month to prevent the expected outbreak next year [2006].

**Source:**

· Sify, Nov 04, 2005, <http://sify.com/news/fullstory.php?id=13976997>  
· ProMED-mail, Nov 05, 2005, [http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400\\_P1001\\_BACK\\_PAGE,F2400\\_P1001\\_PUB\\_MAIL\\_ID:1000,30935](http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1000,30935)

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- PTI News, Nov 08, 2005, [http://www.ptinews.com/pti/ptisite.nsf/\\$All/5AD998D214B823CE652570B3004BE3E9?OpenDocument](http://www.ptinews.com/pti/ptisite.nsf/$All/5AD998D214B823CE652570B3004BE3E9?OpenDocument)

## India Reports Increase in Cholera

India reports an increase in cholera cases, but health authorities say the situation is under control. Most of the victims are children, who are highly susceptible to diseases due to water contamination. Nearly all the areas reporting the increase have recently experienced heavy rains. The government plans to distribute anti-filariasis medicines in 14 districts this month [November 2005]. Hygiene measures are currently being implemented to avoid a possible outbreak.

### Source:

- New Kerala, Nov 04, 2005, <http://www.newkerala.com/news.php?action=fullnews&id=47670>
- Newindpress.com, Nov 07, 2005, <http://www.newindpress.com/Newsitems.asp?ID=IE920051106122818&Title=Chennai&Topic=0>

## INDONESIA

### Sixth Avian Influenza Death in Indonesia

The health ministry in Indonesia reported that the death of a 16-year old girl may have been from avian influenza. If her tests prove positive, this will bring the number of infected people in Indonesia to 10, and will be the sixth death since July [2005]. The victim had a fever and pneumonia. She resided near a bird market and kept birds and chickens in her home. Her source of infection is currently under investigation.

### Source:

- Herald Sun, Nov 07, 2005, [http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,17157626%255E663,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,17157626%255E663,00.html)
- The New Zealand Herald, Nov 07, 2005, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/story.cfm?c\\_id=2&ObjectID=10353894](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/story.cfm?c_id=2&ObjectID=10353894)
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## PHILIPPINES

### The Philippines Reports Two Dengue Deaths

Health authorities in the Philippines have reported the deaths of two young boys from dengue fever in Sarangani province (western Philippines). Nine children are currently infected with the disease.

### Source:

- Sun Star General Santos, Nov 07, 2005, <http://www.sunstar.com.ph/static/gen/2005/11/07/news/dengue.claims.lives.of.2.kids.html>

## VIETNAM

### Avian Influenza Cases Reported in Vietnam

The health ministry in Vietnam has reported its first case of H5N1 avian influenza since July [2005]. The victim had respiratory symptoms and died on 29 October [2005].

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Since the end of last year [2004], Vietnam has recorded 65 cases of avian influenza, including 22 deaths from the virus. The country has ordered 25 million doses of Tamiflu. There have been avian influenza outbreaks among poultry in 35 of Vietnam's cities and provinces this year [2005].

**Source:**

· CRI Online, Nov 07, 2005, <http://en.chinabroadcast.cn/2239/2005-11-7/65@280625.htm>  
· ProMED-mail, Nov 08, 2005, [http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400\\_P1001\\_BACK\\_PAGE,F2400\\_P1001\\_PUB\\_MAIL\\_ID:1010,30999](http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1010,30999)  
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## **Other World News**

### **PAKISTAN**

#### **Diarrhea Outbreak In Earthquake-Affected Pakistan**

Over 7,000 cases of diarrhea have been reported among Pakistan's earthquake victims. A possible cholera outbreak is being investigated. The source of the outbreak is due to unsanitary conditions and overcrowding of the refugee camps. Healthcare workers are working to upgrade water supplies and sanitation and dealing with a lack of medicine.

**Source:**

· Daily Times, Nov 10, 2005, [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2005%5C11%5C10%5Cstory\\_10-11-2005\\_pg1\\_8](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2005%5C11%5C10%5Cstory_10-11-2005_pg1_8)

#### **Pneumonia Outbreak in Pakistan**

The quake-affected region of Pakistan is now dealing with a pneumonia outbreak, as hundreds of cases have been reported. Unless Pakistan can quickly respond to the outbreak, thousands more are expected to become ill. Children are at highest risk for contracting pneumonia. Other types of respiratory infections, such as bronchitis, have also been reported.

**Source:**

· Reuters AlertNet, Nov 07, 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/ISL278427.htm>

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